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EXHIBIT: #VI.A.

To: Members of the State Board of Education

From: James E Rier, Jr. Commissioner*

Date: September 10, 2014

Subject: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Design and Funding Approval Consideration*; RSU #64 new preK -5 Elementary School construction project.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Morison Elementary School was rated 1st on the 2010-2011 Rating Cycle Priority List for major capital construction projects. The new school is being built on a site in town that was already owned by the RSU and was approved by the State Board of Education on March 13, 2013.

The new Elementary School will be built in Corinth, Maine, and house 581 students grades preK through grade 5. The project received State Board of Education Concept Approval on November 13, 2013. The subsequent referendum passed with an 83% vote in favor of the project.

The new school will be a two story building that is highly energy efficient, will be heated with wood pellets, and designed to take advantage of natural sunlight. The school will replace the Morison School in Corinth and close the other four elementary schools in the RSU.

The construction documents are 100% complete and there have been minimal design changes since Concept Approval. The project has met all the criteria to move forward which should allow it to be bid, bonded, and constructed on schedule.

RSU #64 is requesting Design and Funding Approval for a new RSU #64 Elementary School qualifying under State of Maine statutes and State Board of Education Rule, Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.

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Design & Funding Approval Consideration

RSU #64

Grades PreK-5 School

Date: September 10, 2014

Project Information

Project: RSU #64 Elementary School

Superintendent: Rhonda Sperrey

Principal: To Be Determined

Architect: Harriman Associates

School(s) to be closed: Bradford Elementary School, Kenduskeag Elementary School, Stetson Elementary School, Hudson Elementary School and Morison Elementary School in Corinth

Project Budget Information

Concept Approval Date: November 13, 2013

Total Project Cost: \$28,068,678.

Local Only (no State participation): \$492,488.

Approved for State/Local Debt Service Subsidy: \$27,576,190.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to RSU #64 for a new preK-5 school in Corinth, Maine as a Major Capital School Construction Project and approve the design and funding as presented.**

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On September 2, 2014 the Construction Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval for the RSU #64 new preK -5 Elementary School construction project.

*Prepared by the School Facilities Services Team

**This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 10, Subsection 1, of the State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, which states:

“Final Funding Approval by the Commissioner establishes the Project Budget and takes place after construction bids have been received. At that time, the Commissioner may reduce the budget to finance the project, thus providing additional funds for other projects.”